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In re Application of:

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For: WATER-SOLUBLE LUMINESCENT
QUANTUM DOTS AND BIOMOLECULAR
CONJUGATES THEREOF AND RELATED
COMPOSITIONS AND METHOD OF USE

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2000, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. This response is timely since it is accompanied by a petition and fee for a two-month extension of time for filing a response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A water-soluble luminescent semiconductor quantum dot, which comprises a core, a cap and a hydrophilic attachment group, wherein the water-soluble luminescent semiconductor quantum dot remains in solution for at least about one day.

Please cancel claims 24-37 and 40-68 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

REMARKS

The Present Invention

The present invention is directed to a water-soluble luminescent semiconductor quantum dot comprising a core, a cap and a hydrophilic attachment group, wherein the